

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than eighteen million Americans, including 300,000 South Carolinians, suffer from diabetes, and approximately one – third of these people are unaware that they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is the fifth deadliest disease in the United States and has no cure; and

WHEREAS, left undiagnosed and untreated, diabetes can cause life – threatening complications such as blindness, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke, and leg or foot amputations; and

WHEREAS, increased community understanding of this potentially deadly disease can raise awareness of the importance of research for a cure and encourage better treatments for people until that cure is found.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2004, as

DIABETES AWARENESS AND PREVENTION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support efforts to fight diabetes and find a cure for this insidious disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA